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1. The following observations were made on Red Army Day (23 February 1950) :

- a. A color guard of three men escorted by 1 officer and 12 EM armed with rifles, a military band of 1 officer and 22 EM, 65 officers and 520 EM fell in at the first yard of the Artillerie Kaserne, Brandenburg (N 53/2 23).
- b. The unit formed column and left the barracks. It was joined in front of the barracks by another march column (coming from the direction of the airfield) which consisted of 2 soldiers carrying a wreath, 49 officers and 302 EM wearing artillery insignia.
- c. The two columns marched to town to hold ceremonies at the Soviet monument. Afterwards the first unit returned to the Artillerie Kaserne and the second marched in review past the military band then proceeded to the former Pionier Kaserne at the airfield.

2. About 120 new, young officers, coming from the Soviet Union, arrived in Brandenburg about the end of January 1950. The officers took up quarters in the officers' billets which had been vacated by married officers who, after repatriation of their dependents to the Soviet Union, moved to the houses on Fouquetstrasse.

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Comment :

- a. Artillery units have long been quartered in the Artillerie Kaserne of Brandenburg. They belong to a brigade of the 6th Arty Div,

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Tank units with 60 to 80 tanks moved into the Pionier Kaserne at the airfield in late December 1949 *. It had been considered possible that these tank units may belong to the 10th Gds Tank Div,

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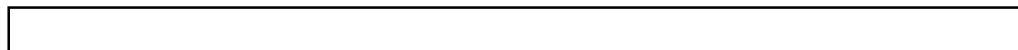
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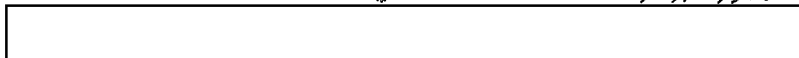
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However, [redacted] troops with artillery insignia in connection with Pioneer Kaserne, it is possible that artillery units may also be stationed there.

b. The report confirms information from various other towns of the Soviet Zone of Germany that married officers were replaced by young bachelor officers during the winter of 1949/1950.

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